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1909

Charles Wesley United Methodist Church  
Centreville  
private

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Wesley U. M. Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Liberty Street

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED☒ not applicable

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Charles Wesley U.M. Church

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Liberty Street

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21617**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: JEG 1

Folio #: 439

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Wesley U. M. Church is situated at 421 South Liberty Street, opposite the cemetery. The building is a late Victorian Gothic style frame structure on a brick foundation. It faces northwest, but the entrance on that side of the tower is not used. The present entrance is around the corner on the southwest side. Both sides of the tower are identical with large double door beneath a lancet arch transom. Above the entrances are circular windows with a square pane in the center and four half round panes. The bellfry and spire were removed recently and replaced with a hip roof with cross on top.

The body of the church has 3 windows facing the street, the center window being a composite of three windows with three small panes beneath a large miter arch. The body of the church is covered with asbestos siding and the gable is covered with decorative shingles. In the foundation of the church is the cornerstone bearing the date "28 Aug. 1909" and the stone from the original church "1873".

The north wall of the building is five bays long with five 1/1 sash miter arched windows. The ends of the rafters are exposed and terminate in a ogee

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499              | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599              | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799              | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899              | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-       | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael O. Bourne, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

8/29/83

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

end. Across the back gable is a narrow lean-to addition with pediment in the center over three 1-pane windows. On the left of the three-part window and on the north end is a 1/1 sash window. A door on the southern end opens into the sacristy. In center of the gable is a circular window identical to those over the entrance doors.

Added to the original 'T' on the southern side of the church is a church hall built in 1982. One window on each side of the tower and 'T' lights the church itself from the southern wall.

The interior of the church is composed of a vestibule on the west corner with the original school room to the south and the church itself north of both rooms.

The vestibule is a small square entry with present door on the southwest wall. Another pair of doors is still in place on the northwest wall, but is not used. On the northeast wall is another door, the same size as the two aforementioned doors, which opens into the body of the church. These three doors all have lancet arched transoms above. The latter has "Welcome" written in the colored glass. The doors have five horizontal panels and the trim profile has a recessed area with small ogee moldings at each side (it is identical to Ward's Gift).

The church proper has beaded wainscoting around the entire structure, including the sanctuary and choir areas.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

The same type wainscoting covers the five facets of the arched ceiling. All of the woodwork is finished natural.

Centered on the southeast wall is the arched recessed area for the altar and lectern. A similar arch exists left of the altar and that recess has the organ and choir. Right of the altar is an enclosed space for the sacristy. The wall between the sacristy and the altar is partial. Behind the lectern, in front of a red curtain, are three Renaissance Revival upholstered arm chairs. The communion rail extends in two arcs in front of the choir and altar. Flanking the altar are the flag of the U.S.A. and a flag of the United Methodist Church. Over the altar is inscribed "Christ Jesus is Lord".

Opening into the church are two folding partitions, replacing original double doors, to the original school room. Above these wide openings are transom lights. Beyond this old school room is a new church hall built in 1982.

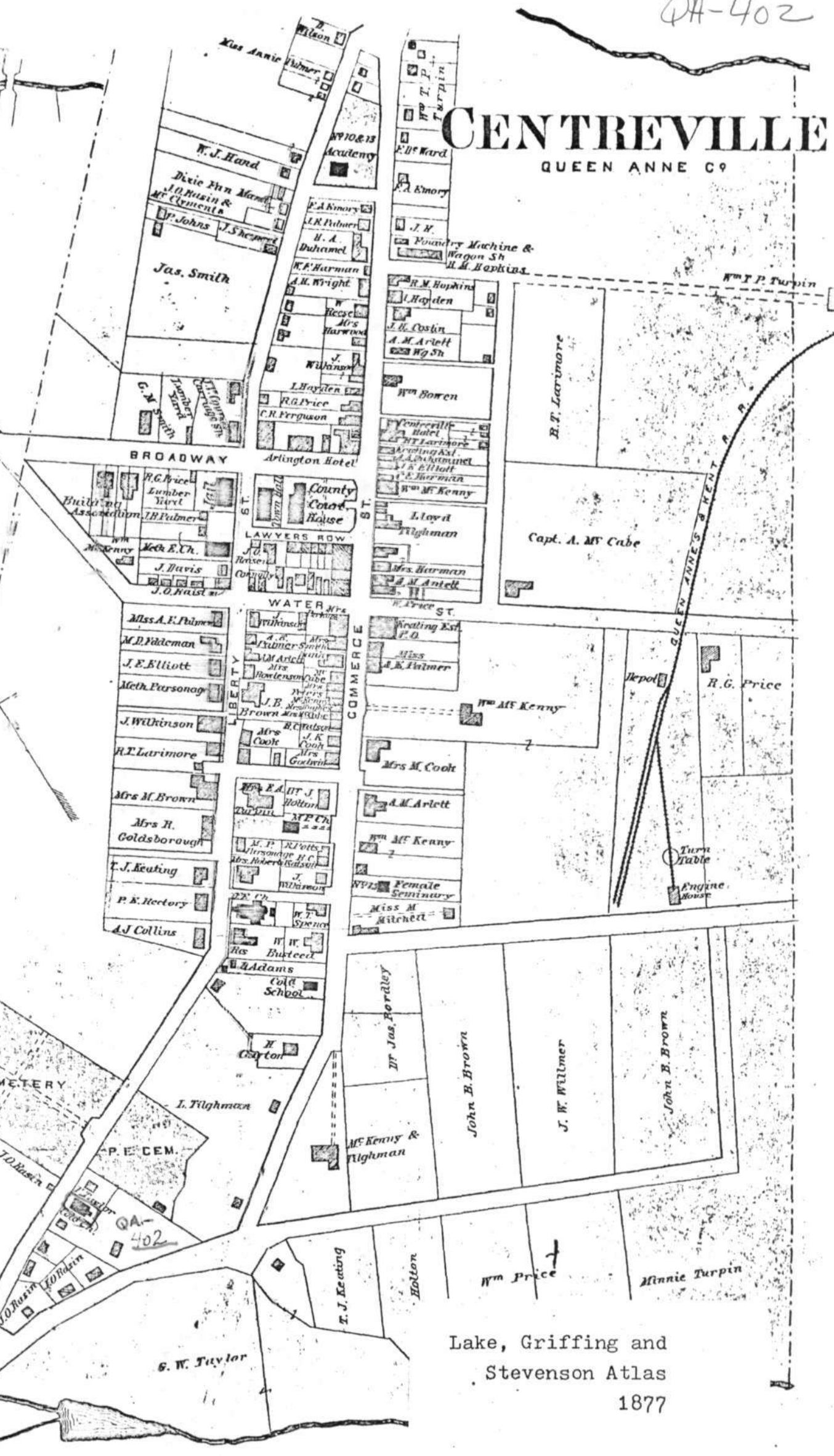


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**SLAUGHTER HOUSE**  
Slaughter House

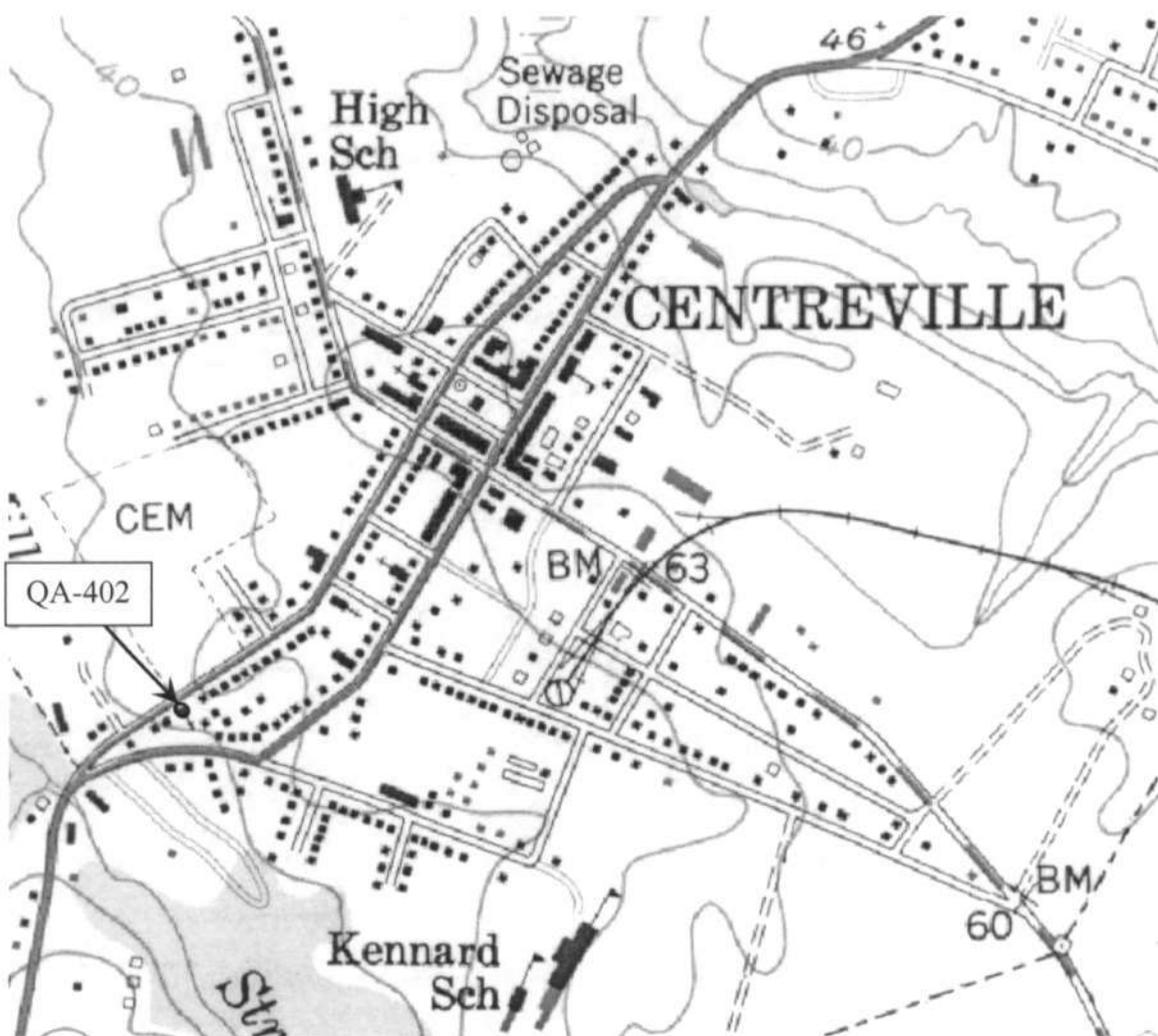
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**ENCES.**  
**CHRS.**  
County Commissioners.  
Clerk of County Commis-  
Clerk of Queen Anne Co.  
Deputy Clerk of Queen Anne  
County Registrar of Wills.  
Surveyor.  
President of School Board.  
County Almshouse.  
Justice of the Peace.  
Master and Ex-Editor.  
**NEYS.**  
OWN, Attorneys-at-Law.  
Attorney-at-Law.  
**AND CARRIAGE**  
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B, Manufacturers of Car-  
riage. Repairing and Paint-  
Manufacturers of Carriages,  
all kinds of Repairing and  
neatly and to order.  
Blacksmith. All kinds of  
order. Horse-shoeing a  
Trimmer and Harness  
Trimmer.  
B, Manufacturers of Wag-  
ons and Farm Implements.  
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a mile from Centreville.  
Residence.  
Manufacture of Carts, Wag-  
ons, Harness, Cultivators,  
and all kinds of farming  
machinery done.  
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as General. Captain and  
Wm. S. Copes, "that plies  
between Baltimore and  
Centreville."  
Freighting Business.  
and all kinds of shipping,  
and all kinds of business  
done.  
is and Master of Schooner  
Centreville Landing and Bal-  
timore.  
is still doing general  
Centreville to Baltimore.  
Centreville Wharf.  
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Contractor and Builder.  
Painter, Contractor and  
**GROCERIES.**  
is Dealer in Dry Goods,  
Meats, Cakes, Breads, Shoes,  
Provisions, &c.  
**EGGS.** Dealer in Dry  
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Dry Goods, Notions,  
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Also Manufacturer of  
Sewing Machine.  
Dry Goods, Groceries,  
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to order.  
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to seek it for its indepen-  
dence.  
Advertising a specialty.  
Attorney-at-Law and Ed-  
itor.  
**TAVERN.**  
proprietor of "ARLINGTON"  
Restaurant. Transient  
fare below former rates.  
Teams furnished by  
**DRUGGISTS.**  
and Surgeon.  
American, French and  
Land Chemicals, Hair-  
articles and Stationery,  
carefully compounded.  
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Stoves. Also Agent  
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Stoves.  
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Lumber and Ex-Sheriff.  
Lumber and Farmer.



Lake, Griffing and  
Stevenson Atlas  
1877



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Liberty St.  
Centreville  
Centreville Quad.  
Queen Anne's Co.





QA-402 Wesley United  
Meth. Church  
Northwest

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QA-402 Asbury Church  
South Liberty Street  
Centreville, Maryland  
Orlando Ridout V 1981  
View from Southwest





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